

## SCHOOL BOARD.

## Official Minutes of the Monthly Meeting Held January.

The board of public instruction for Marion county, Florida, met on the 4th day of January in regular session. Those present were G. S. Scott, chairman; B. R. Blitch and J. S. Grantham.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. W. H. Pyram appeared before the board and asked for permit to send his children to Orange Springs school the balance of the term, stating that he had sent them there for more than a year and a half without permit but had now stopped his children by order of the board.

After considering the matter the board decided that as the school is out one month longer and not over crowded, that the application be granted.

Brick for a flue and stove piping were granted the Flemington school.

A petition from Anthony and one from the Central neighborhood asking the board to call elections for the creation of special tax districts were before the board, but in view of the fact that the last legislature passed a law ordering elections in all the special tax school districts the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April, 1904, the petitions were ordered published through the month of January, so the board could call the election on April 5, along with the other elections.

In view of the fact that no permanent arrangements have been made for cashing the warrants for the special tax school districts and that many of the trustees are requesting the board to make such arrangements the secretary and chairman were authorized to make arrangements with some bank, firm or individual to cash the warrants for all districts in the county and should the trustees of any district prefer making their own arrangements, they will notify the superintendent before the next meeting of the board.

In view of the fact that there has been no statement from the trustees of the Ocala special school district of the incidental expenditures for the last year that the secretary ask the trustees to make such a statement as early as possible.

In view of the fact that the trustees of the Jno. F. Slater fund have agreed to give \$600 to Fessenden Academy, colored school at Martin, and that the American Missionary Board \$400 for the purpose of establishing an industrial department, and that the two boards request that the supervision of the work and plans be put under control of the school board in connection with the superintendent and principal. On Tuesday the full board and secretary visited the school to look over the work and devise plans of operating the school. The board found the school already in possession of a large and sufficient school building, two large dormitories, one for boys and one for girls, a nice roomy building for the principal and it well furnished, other out houses and thirty seven acres of land. It was decided to enclose the tract of land and employ a good teacher who understands agriculture and carpentry and start an industrial school of agriculture, carpentry, blacksmith and cooking, sewing and house work. The above named boards assuring the board that if the school proves successful that they will continue to contribute to the work.

Reports and accounts amounting to \$3399.39 were approved and ordered paid as follows:

Salary teachers.....	\$153.75
G. S. Scott, per diem.....	4.00
B. R. Blitch, per diem and mileage.....	7.00
S. S. Grantham, per diem and mileage.....	7.40
W. D. Carn, salary for December.....	75.00
W. D. Carn, postage and postoffice box rent.....	5.75
Transportation of pupils.....	51.20
Ocala Banner, financial statement.....	2.00
Ocala News Company, stationery.....	1.55
Ocala Printing Company, printing.....	4.50
W. D. Carn, help in office.....	6.00
W. H. Mason, repairs at Grahamville.....	18.54
T. E. Pastern, Commission.....	12.50
H. A. Ford, interest.....	50.00
Total.....	\$3399.39

W. D. CARN, Secretary.

The Morning Tribune of Tampa is offering space to the candidates at the rate of \$5 per inch per month.

Gov. Jennings attended Gen. Gordon's funeral.

## FIRE AT BELLEVUE.

## Masonic Building Destroyed—Occupants Make Narrow Escape—Stock of Goods Lost.

Bellevue, Jan. 8, 1904.

Special to the Ocala Banner.

Shortly after four o'clock this morning fire completely destroyed the building known originally as the Bellevue Block, but recently as the Masonic Block, having been purchased by the Bellevue Lodge about two years ago. This was one of the largest and best buildings in the town, built about twenty two years ago at the time of the Marion county boom.

The second floor was occupied by the Masonic Lodge rooms and Dr. Watson's offices, while in the first floor was located Pope's commissary, which only moved there this week, the public library, telephone office, postoffice and the apartments of Mr. Alvan Lucius, assistant postmaster, who discovered the fire and who with his wife and Dr. Watson barely escaped, saving very few personal effects. When Mr. Lucius discovered the fire, the origin of which is unknown at the present time, the place was so filled with smoke it was impossible to save anything from the postoffice, the loss of which can only be estimated after the safe has been cooled and examined. Mr. Pope places his loss at \$1800. The library, consisting of eight or nine hundred volumes, was completely destroyed. Dr. Watson lost his instruments and clothing, while the Masonic Lodge lost their entire paraphernalia and books. The building was partially covered by insurance. Only the hard work and watchfulness of the citizens and volunteer fire department saved the adjoining stores of Peter Jones and The Trading Company and had there been the least breath of air it would have been almost impossible to have prevented a serious conflagration.

JOSH.

## BELLEVUE.

Messrs. Virgil Pratt and Edgar Pelot left Tuesday for Orange Bend, to spend several days.

Rev. Currie returned Saturday from Clearwater, slightly improved in health and filled his pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Whittier are entertaining Rev. I. W. Ogle, of Ocala, Rev. J. F. Hollingshead, of Ormond and Rev. E. Ransom.

Miss Maud Worthington, of Jacksonville, arrived Sunday and has accepted a position with the Bellevue Trading Co.

A special meeting of the city council was called Friday night for the purpose of receiving the books and reports of Tax Collector Mitchell, who has resigned.

Mrs. Alfred Abshire arrived Wednesday to remain with her daughter, Mrs. Alvan Lumis.

On opening the postoffice safe after the fire of Friday morning the money was found to be intact and in fairly good condition. The government books, though charred and smoked were eligible so that reports could be made from them. The stock of stamps and stamp books were ruined.

Mr. John Sykes left Monday for Citra, where he has accepted a position.

Mrs. Martin and two children left Sunday for Alabama, after a pleasant visit with relatives here.

Mrs. T. A. Mitchell spent several days last week at Oxford.

JOSH.

The importation of India rubber into the United States last year exceeded 59,000,000 pounds, and was valued at more than \$30,000,000. The imports have increased about 50 per cent in the last ten years. Over \$100,000,000 worth of manufactures from India rubber are now turned out annually from American factories.

On the first of the New Year West Palm Beach had an indebtedness of \$3000. To start that city off in good shape Mr. Flagler enclosed the clerk his check for \$3000 to wipe out the indebtedness.

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## WEDDING BELLS AT PINE.

## Beautiful Wedding Ceremony—Two Young People Made Happy.

Pine, Jan. 7, 1904.

Special to the Ocala Banner.

A pretty marriage was solemnized at the residence of Rev. I. W. Boring last night. The contracting parties were Mr. James E. Thomas and Miss Angeline Boring.

Mr. Thomas is one of the most popular young men of this section, a son of Capt. Chas. Thomas, of this place, who is extensively known throughout this portion of the state, as a successful farmer and stock raiser. He is a young man of marked intellect and high standing and enjoys as large a circle of acquaintances and friends as any young man in the county.

The bride is the charming daughter of Rev. I. W. Boring. She is an accomplished, comely and laudable young woman.

About forty intimate friends and relatives witnessed the impressive ceremony which was performed by Rev. T. S. Sistrunk, the Methodist minister of Anthony.

After a dainty repast the young couple went to their home—a beautiful cottage one half a mile west of Rev. Boring's, which had been thoroughly fitted up by the groom with everything necessary for comfortable house keeping.

The presents were very beautiful and costly. Besides a number of letters and messages came from far away relatives and friends who could not attend.

Here let us pause to drop a line of sincere hope that each day may continue to brighten the lives of this now happy couple. May the enabling spirit of love guard the sacred tie and prosperity peaceably shower upon their home.

PETER STANLEY.

## BLITCHTON.

Rev. J. M. Morris preached very interesting sermons Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. Charlie Stevens, of St. Petersburg, has moved back to his home near Blitchton. He is a welcome neighbor in our midst.

Mr. Brooks and family, of Dunnellon, are moving on the place purchased by them from Mr. Bridges Blitchton gains and Dunnellon loses.

Miss Sallie Akin is visiting at Dunnellon.

Our "Gypsy" friends are in our midst again. They may stay here for quite a while.

Dr. Blitch has returned from his business trip to Tallahassee and other points.

Mrs. Dr. Blitch had 14 hogs which netted 2800 pounds of pork and 500 pounds of lard.

## One of Nature's Noblemen Dies.

J. W. Ross, after a three week's illness of typhoid pneumonia, died Tuesday at 4 p. m. Dec. 8, 1903, at his home at Heidtville, Fla. He was greatly beloved by the community and we sadly mourn his loss.

Mr. Ross was 40 years old. He was born in Marion county. He leaves a wife and seven small children and one sister to mourn his death. He had been in bad health for over a year but the last three weeks it became evident that the end was near; that dreadful disease typhoid pneumonia set in but everything that loving hands and tender hearts could do was done. But the Lord had ordered it otherwise. His ways are best, yet we often question his acts. To those who knew him as Will a place is vacant; the family circle is broken, the fair ruling spirit is silent forever.

Oh! how our heart aches for one sound of his voice stilled forever; one touch of the loving hand that will never more minister to loved ones; the place cannot be filled. We can only remember him as he was and for what he has done.

UNCLE JOE.

Heidtville, Jan. 12, 1904.

A freight train on the A. C. L. railway ran into an open bridge at McGirts creek, six miles from Jacksonville Wednesday night. This wreck caused the passenger train to be several hours late in reaching this point yesterday afternoon.

## ANIMAL LANGUAGE.

## Sounds Both Shriill and Low That We Cannot Hear.

Most people suppose a mole to be dumb, but it is not. A mole can give a sound so shrill that it hasn't any effect on the human ear at all and another sound so low and soft that no human being can hear it. Yet a weasel can hear both these sounds as plainly as you can the report of a gun, and a sound registering machine—the phonograph—will show them both, with scores of other sounds you are deaf to.

The usual note of the mole is a low purr, which it uses a good deal while at work underground, and it can also shout at the top of its voice if hurt or alarmed; but, though it shouted and purred in your ear, you wouldn't hear it. The sound register, however, with its delicate pencil that marks the volume of sound on a paper, gives the quality of both sounds.

A weasel, too, which is one of the mole's enemies, can hear these sounds through a couple of inches of earth and often catches the mole when he throws up his hillocks of earth. The common field mouse, too, has a purr that is altogether beyond you, though you can hear him squeak plainly enough if he is hurt. A death's head moth, too, can squeak, but that is done by rubbing his wings together and is not a voice at all.

But the champion of all creatures for good hearing and one that can hear a sound that is over 100 degrees beyond your own limit is the common thrush, and you may often amuse yourself by watching him at it. He can hear a low hum moving underground, locate him by the noise and haul him out.

Often you may see a thrush stand perfectly still on your lawn, cock his ear and listen intently, then make a couple of steps and haul out a fat louse. Even the starling, which is about the size of a thrush, cannot do this, but he knows the thrush can, and, being a disreputable person, with no common honesty, he follows the young thrushes about on their worm hunts and steals the worms from them as soon as they are caught.—London Answers.

## VIGOROUS OLD AGE.

Plato died in his eighty-third year, and his last hour was devoted to intellectual work.

Isocrates was ninety-four years old when he wrote his famous work, "Panathenaiskos."

Terestius Varro lived to be nearly a hundred, and he continued to write up to the day of his death.

Hiero, king of Sicily, lived to be ninety, and Masinissa lived to be still older and ruled for sixty years.

Quintus Fabius was appointed augur when he was past middle age, and he held the office for sixty-two years.

Cato Censorius transacted business until he was nearly ninety and retained to the end all his old time vigor.

Gorgias Lartium, the teacher of Isocrates and other distinguished men, was in excellent health at the age of 107 years.

Chrysippus began to write his work on logic in his eightieth year. Cleanthes taught his pupils up to his ninety-ninth year.

Sophocles lived to be nearly a hundred, and during his last days he wrote the "Edipus Coloneus," one of the greatest tragedies ever written.

Arganthonius began to rule when he was forty years old and held power for eighty years, and in the third book of the "History" Asinius Pollio tells us that he did not die until he was past his one hundred and thirtieth year.

## Valuable Insects.

Perhaps, there are few substances contributed by animals to the materia medica of greater value or more extensively beneficial than certain species of insects. Of these there are none more highly esteemed for medical purposes than those beautiful, shining, green colored insects known as blister beetles, or cantharides. Their corrosive action is so great that they frequently inflame and excoriate the hands of those who collect them, and on this property their chief medicinal virtue depends. They are generally used in the form of plasters or ointment, and in cases of violent visceral inflammation their external use can scarcely be supplied by any other medicine.

## Curious Mode of Catching Turtles.

A curious mode of catching turtles is practiced in the West Indies. It consists in attaching a ring and a line to the tail of a species of sucker fish known as the remora. The live fish is then thrown overboard and immediately makes for the first turtle he can spy, to which he attaches himself very firmly by means of a sucking apparatus arranged at the top of his head. Once attached to the turtle, so firm is his grip that the fisherman on drawing the line brings home both turtle and the sucker.

## Fine Score of the Cheap Hat.

"Yes, it is a pretty bonnet," said the prospective purchaser, "but the price shows that it is not a real artistic creation. It is only \$11.66."

"Pardon me, madam," suavely said the milliner. "The price card has carelessly been inverted. It should be thus—\$99.11."

"Send it home today," ordered the customer.—Millinery Trade Review.

## A Settler.

Young Wife—What do you do when your husband gets cross and wants to scold?

Wife (with experience)—I read him one or two of the letters he used to write to me before we were married.—Baltimore American.

## Oyster Soups and Stews.

Just why oyster soups should be thickened and oyster stews should not be is unexplainable, since oysters are usually thin, while stews are thickened, but this seems to be the common practice. The thickening may be fine cracker crumbs of flour blended with butter. For a household where part of the family do not care for oysters, but do eat the broth, one measure of oysters to two of milk is a safe proportion. The milk should be heated in a double boiler and thickened and the oysters parboiled meantime in their own juice till plump. Then combine, season and serve at once.—Kitchen Magazine.

## Fashion's Echoes.

Whenever short skirts are worn anybody with anything like due regard to her appearance must perforce pay attention to her foot gear.

Military topcoats, cuffs and military pipings are features of many of the new fall suits.

The fashionable fall glove for promenade wear is in heavy leather, buttonless and wide wristed.

Skirts are assuming more ample proportions. They are straighter and fuller than heretofore.

There is a decided tendency not only toward the fitted coat, but to the fitted bodice as well.

Ruby, garnet, heather brown, myrtle green and prune are among the season's colors.

For house gowns there is much talk about the passing of the blouse waist and the coming of lines conforming a little more to the natural curves of the figure.

Velvets and velveteens, especially the latter, occupy a prominent position.

Collarless bodices promise to be a feature of smart house dresses.

## Itching Skin

Distress by day and night—

That's the complaint of those who are so unfortunate as to be afflicted with Eczema or Salt Rheum—and outward applications do not cure. They can't.

The source of the trouble is in the blood—make that pure and this scaling, burning, itching skin disease will disappear.

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